

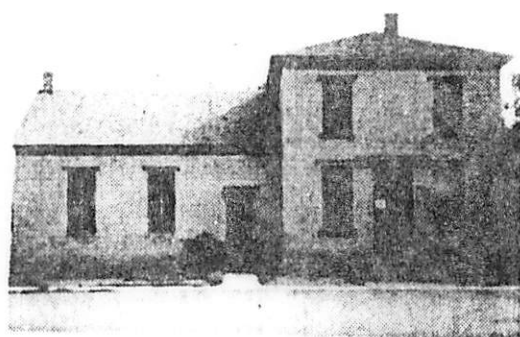
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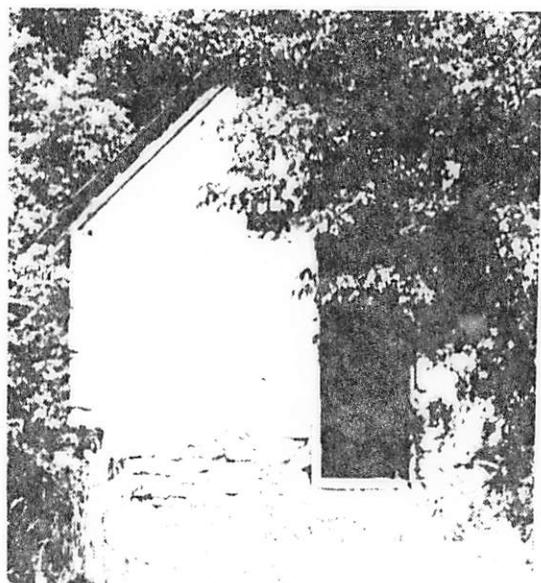
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The current Post Office is part of the town hall on Main Street.



Old Midway Post Office



The Immigrant House

MIGRANT HOUSE

Many of the new comers to Midway arrived with no job prospects and no place to stay. To help them out in this trying situation, Bishop John Watkins (of the "gingerhouse" on Main Street), had this small home built for people to stay in until permanent housing arrangements could be made. The home was later used for other people who needed some place to stay. This building is located behind the Col-Stone.



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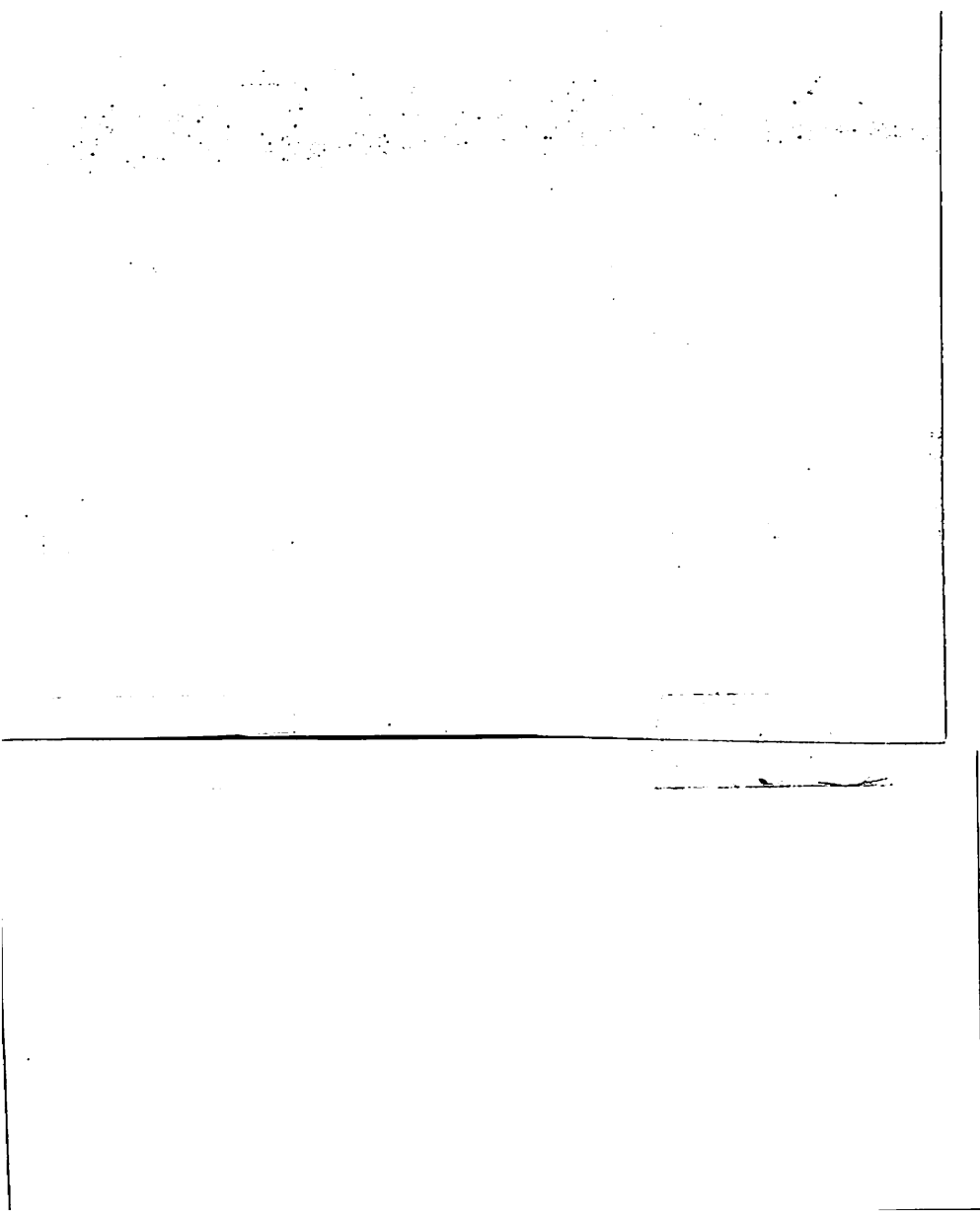
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geography charts and maps. "Commodious and neat" desks were also furnished.

Leo Haefeli, a former teacher, and newspaper correspondent, wrote at the time, "I defy any school district of the same size or even a good many considerably larger to show better educational facilities than are at present furnished to the people of this ward. That these facilities, gratuitous tuition, and sufficient teachers, staff-graded classes, excellent apparatus, convenient rooms have been appreciated by the people of Midway is evident by the fact that out of a legal population of about 270, the opening days of the mid-winter term found an enrollment of about 240, despite the inclement weather. True at the time of the high water tide in the spell of epidemic, the attendance fell off considerably, temporarily more than 60 per cent in the primary department, but the worst is over and the school grounds are reassuming their wanted air of vivacity about the hour when the bell's brazen tongue summons the little and big scholars to their desks and tasks."

In another newspaper column, Mr. Haefeli indicates that school children are perhaps the same from generation to generation. He wrote: "The other day one boy hurt another quite seriously by holding a freshly sharpened lead pencil under him, just as the school mate was about to resume his seat at the desk. Such tomfoolery cannot be reprimanded too severely nor suppressed too promptly."

Schoolteachers of the 1890's were expected to improve themselves





